

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 16 and 18 are pending. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 16, and 18 have been allowed. By this response claims 12-15 are canceled. Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (a) as being anticipated by Nishino Kenji (JP Patent No. 06-12195). Claims 12-15 have been canceled. Thus, this rejection is now moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

With the cancellation of claims 12-15, the application should be in condition for allowance. Pending claims 1-4, 6-10, 16 and 18 have been allowed. Therefore, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application; the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad Billings Registration No. 48,917 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.


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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.147; particularly, extension of time fees.

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